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WHAT BAD ROADS COST.

One of the first questions in considering road improvement is: What will good roads cost? How much per mile? Let us first inquire, Yankee fashion, what do bad roads cost? This is really the first question to consider.

In figuring them out we cannot, of course be exact. We can keep, however, well within bounds and arrive sufficiently near the truth for all practical purposes.

Carefully prepared tables from numerous practical tests have shown that if five teams can do a certain amount of work on a smooth crushed stone road it will take eleven teams if the road is covered with ruts and soft mud.

It is interesting to note that the road is covered with deep ruts and thick mud. This is entirely in harmony with experience and with common sense.

In other words, if the roads leading into The Dalles were made perfect, hard gravel or stone roads out to the average limit of daily traffic there would be a daily saving of \$150 or about \$45,000 a year.

There can be no doubt that these suppositions are conservative, and entirely in harmony with actual experience. If they are, then the result as figured out is correct and it does actually cost the people of the county \$45,000 a year for the privilege of using poor roads.

Beyond 8-mile hill there is a mile or two of road which is infinitely worse than all the remainder combined.

Sure Shot Squirrel Poison at Snipes & Kinerly's.

THE PROFESSOR SWOONED.

Because the Young Ladies Laughed at His Attempts to Speak English.

A rather severe lesson in manners and hospitality was given by Sig. Macchi, commissioner-general of the midwinter fair for Italy, to the twenty or thirty stenographers who assembled in an office of the Mills building the other evening to listen to the views of Prof. Buzzoni, a teacher of shorthand in one of the leading institutions of Italy, says the San Francisco Examiner.

The object of the meeting was to take steps toward an exhibit of the different systems of stenography in this country at the fair, the ultimate aim being the perfecting of the system embodying the best elements of the leading systems now in vogue.

Prof. Buzzoni, who speaks very little English, began reading an address, but was from time to time interrupted by the younger female portion of his audience, who were unable to suppress a desire to laugh outright.

Sig. Macchi at last asked the speaker to desist and, calling attention to the professor's lack of proficiency in the English language, spoke of America's boasted hospitality and generosity to strangers, and so shamed his listeners that quiet was restored.

But his treatment had been too much for the teacher of stenography, who had been growing paler with anger as he proceeded and who at the conclusion of his compatriot's words swooned outright.

A doctor was hastily summoned and restoratives were administered but it was over an hour before the patient recovered sufficiently to be conveyed to his hotel.

Much to the regret and mortification of the few who listened attentively to the professor's address, the meeting was adjourned indefinitely.

"The outrage that has been committed to-night," said Sig. Macchi, "and the lack of manner and breeding shown would be hard to find in all of Italy and I am afraid that this proposed movement inaugurated by one of my country's most prominent teachers has received a death blow, as Prof. Buzzoni is of a high-strung, nervous disposition and must feel deeply the laughter and disorder that greeted his efforts."

FIRST SIGHT OF RED HAIR.

How It Aroused the Wonder of Colorado Indians Years Ago.

"I was in Colorado in 1875," said a resident of Canon City, Col., to a reporter for the Washington Post, "before the influence of the white man was utterly dominant. The Indians around what is now Meeker had seen but little of the white man and knew comparatively nothing of him or his ways or habits except from hearsay and tradition. I mean to say that there were many of them to whom the white man was as much a curiosity as an Indian would be to a New York Bowery boy. As you see, nature saw fit to give me a shock of carmine colored hair. When I first went among the Indians they all thought it was painted, just as they universally paint their own bodies and faces and heads. An old chief came up to me one day and looked at my hair very carefully. 'Ugh,' said he, and then turning to the guide who had our party in charge, he asked him to ask me where I got the kind of paint that would color and not be greasy or look dauby. The guide told him that my hair wasn't painted, but he wouldn't believe him. He came over and once more closely scrutinized my locks, running his hand over them and then looking at his fingers. I had an idea that he was calculating how nice my red scalp would look hung about his dirty old body, and was inclined to resent it. Our guide, however, laughingly told me what the old chief had said. Two or three more of the bucks gathered about us, and they and the guide had a powwow. Finally the guide asked me if I would object to putting water on my hair. He said the Indians wouldn't believe it wasn't painted until they saw that water wouldn't wash the color out. Of course, I took some water and rubbed it on my hair and then showed my hands to them. It took four or five days of wondering examination to convince them that I hadn't found some particular fine paint and got myself up in a bright suit of hair."

TWO ROYAL DIAMOND FLUSHES.

Held at the Same Time in One Room and Secured in the Same Way.

All the San Francisco men about town who play cards are talking about the two remarkable hands held a few evenings ago at the Pacific-Union club, and the doctrine of chances is being calculated to ascertain how soon such a coincidence might be expected to happen again.

According to the Examiner, is that no such hands were ever held simultaneously before since poker was first played, and that no one now living will ever see them so held again. For the benefit of the truly good it may be stated that a royal flush is the highest hand in poker. It consists of a sequence of ace, king, queen, knave and ten in any one suit. As may be supposed, the appearances of this hand are like the visits of angels and not much more frequent than dentition in hens.

One only won thirty-five dollars on his hand, but the winning of the other was so big that he has kept the exact amount to himself, so as not to excite remark.

AN INEXORABLE LAW.

Habit Is the Strongest Influence of Our Lives.

The warden of one of our state penitentiaries said to a visitor that almost the first expression of dissatisfaction on the part of a new prisoner was called forth by the routine and monotony of prison life, says Youth's Companion.

Some men show intense feeling against it for the first few weeks of their confinement; but after two or three years, it seems, in some cases, as if they could not do without it. The warden had known discharged prisoners to return and ask for work inside, just "to get back to the regularity of prison life."

Captains of seagoing vessels and officers of the army observe the same trait of human nature. The discipline, the inflexible routine, which are irksome to the raw recruit and to the sailor in his earlier voyages, obtain so firm a hold on their minds and habits that they prefer not to live outside of them.

Some of Bonaparte's marshals, men of low birth, had learned in their youth vulgar tricks of the eye, the hand, grimaces and foolish laughter. Even the emperor, and his brothers and sisters, were not guiltless of such habits. He could not rid them of these signs of childish vulgarity. They could not rid themselves of them. He could make them kings and queens, and they could handle their scepters right royally; but old habits ruled them still.

A century ago John Vaux, a young man making "the grand tour," wrote: "I was impatient to plunge into the dissipation of Paris. I had not, however, counted on the hold which old habits had on me. They had been cleanly. Every act, word or familiar custom of my pure English life at home held me now like an iron cord. I could not plunge into the foul depths. I wished to do it, but could not."

There are few young men who do not wish to make their lives solid and enduring. Let them remember that this inexorable natural law is equally strong in good as in bad habits.

Every high, pure aim in his father or mother; every honest, modest custom of a young man's home; the cleanly life of his boyhood; the prayers he learned; the habits of reverence, of kind, unselfish action—these are as many stones in the rampart which shall defend him in middle age from storm and ruin.

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